

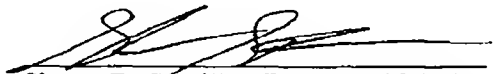
Remarks

Claims 9, 10-11, and 15-18 are in the case. Claims 1-5 were previously cancelled. Claims 6-8 and 12-14 stand canceled by the amendments proposed herein. Claim 16 has been allowed. Claims 9 and 15 are objected to.

Claims 9 and 15 have been amended into independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 10 has been amended so that it now depends from allowable claim 9. Claim 17 has been amended so that it now includes the limitations of allowable claim 9, and is therefore believed to be in a condition for allowance.

Applicant suggests that claims 9, 10-11, and 15-18 are now in a condition for allowance, and respectfully requests same. It is believed that no fees are due, but if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge them against Deposit Account No. 50-0694.

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